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Emboffs delivered reftel points to Dutch MFA contacts Alle Dorhout, head of West Africa and Horn of Africa Affairs, and Peter Flik, head of Humanitarian Aid Division. The Netherlands supports increased humanitarian aid in the Horn of Africa. Dutch Development Minister Bert Koenders pledged an additional five million Euros on June 27 for Ethiopia, considered a "Development Partner" along with Kenya. Two million Euros will go directly to malnourished children through UNICEF. This is on top of the 4.05 million Euros the Netherlands has already guaranteed for Emergency Program Funding to Ethiopia. The Dutch also sent a letter to the Ethiopian government asking for unrestricted acces for all aid organizations. Aid to Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somali is 9.7% of the 202.5 million Euros the Netherlands dedicates to Emergency Program Funding world wide. Gallagher